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The Honorable John Ensign United States Senator 356 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Ensign:

Just a note to thank you for your leadership and your willingness to introduce the "Broadband Investment and Consumer Choice Act." I too believe that it is time for the government to take a step back from managing the telecommunications marketplace and allow the principles of free enterprise to assume their natural function.

I share your belief that government should not overstep its bounds and your bill seems to acknowledge that the consumer is more than capable of making purchasing decisions without input from the government. I truly believe, as a result of your bill, consumers will begin to see lower prices and that new technological advances will begin to take effect as industry providers are obligated to compete head to head.

As a friend and supporter, thank you again for your leadership in working to update our telecommunication laws to better reflect the nature of the market place. As always, you have my appreciation and admiration. Keep up the great work!

Warm Regards,

Warren B. Hardy II Nevada State Senator